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(U) Oakland - Man Arrested, Charged with Assaulting Governor Newsom During Oakland Visit

(U) A man has been arrested on suspicion of assaulting Governor Gavin Newsom during his visit to downtown Oakland, authorities said Friday. Newsom was walking to a barbershop and pizzeria in Old Oakland to promote small businesses when he was "approached by an aggressive individual," director of communications for the California Highway Patrol said. The man had allegedly thrown a water bottle at the governor. Officers removed Governor Newsom from the situation and arrested the 54-year-old man. SOURCE: 18 June 2021, KTLA

(U) Oakland - One Dead, Six Injured in Lake Merritt Shooting

(U) Police say there is a seventh victim in Saturday's deadly Lake Merritt shooting in Oakland that left one person dead, five others injured. The female victim showed up to the hospital with a gunshot wound but is listed in stable condition. The shooting happened on Lakeshore Avenue at Lake Merritt just after 6 p.m. where people had gathered for a Juneteenth celebration on the lake. SOURCE: 20 June 2021, ABC7

(U) Sacramento – Attorney General Launches New Anti-Human Trafficking Teams

(U) The California Attorney General launched new anti-human trafficking teams to apprehend perpetrators and support survivors on Friday amid an alarming increase in labor and sexual exploitation statewide during the COVID-19 pandemic. The state's lockdown exacerbated problems with human trafficking, officials said, and made it much harder for victims to escape and find housing and other services. In Los Angeles alone, the Los Angeles-based nonprofit Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking said they saw a spike of 185% in urgent human trafficking cases during the pandemic. SOURCE: 18 June 2021, AP

(U) San Francisco – Report Finds Hackers Tried to Poison California Water Supply in Cyber Attack

(U) A hacker accessed the system of a California water treatment plant in January and deleted several programs used to treat drinking water. NBC News reported on Thursday that an unidentified hacker carried out the attack on an unspecified water treatment plant on 15 January in the San Francisco Bay Area by using the username and password of a former employee at the facility. The hacker managed to access the former staff member's TeamViewer account, which allows employees to remotely use their computers.

SOURCE: 18 June 2021, Newsweek

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(U) Arizona – Seven Hospitalized After Truck Driver Runs Over Bicyclist Group, Suspect Shot

(U) Show Low – Seven people were seriously injured after being run over by a truck. Police say a Ford truck had hit multiple bicyclists in front of the Horne Auto Collision Center during the city's 13th annual Bike the Bluff Arizona State Championship Road Race. The cyclists had been participating in the men's 55+ category of the event. Paramedics transported six people to a local hospital. Five of them are in

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critical condition, and one other is now in stable condition. One other bicyclist was airlifted to a hospital in the Phoenix metro area for treatment with critical injuries.

SOURCE: 19 June 2021, FOX10

(U) District of Columbia – US State Department Updates Travel Advisory to Mexico

(U) Washington – The US State Department updated its annual travel advisory to Mexico on Thursday, recommending citizens to reconsider traveling to Mexico due to the prevalence of COVID-19 and a high rate of violence and insecurity. At the state level, authorities provided an alert for possible kidnappings listing 16 out of 32 states. According to the advisory, "violent crimes, such as homicide, kidnapping, vehicle theft, and robbery are widespread and common in Mexico." The department kept Mexico at a risk level of three (reconsider traveling), however the five states of Sinaloa, Colima, Guerrero, Michoacán, and Tamaulipas remain at a level four (do not travel) due to crimes and kidnappings. SOURCE: 18 June 2021, Vallarta Daily

(U) District of Columbia - US Suspects 4,000 Cases of Fraud in Iraqi Refugee Program

(U) Washington – Authorities pursuing a sweeping fraud investigation suspect some 4,000 Iraqis of filing fraudulent applications for resettlement in the United States as refugees, and they are re-examining cases involving more than 104,000 others, according to State Department reports. More than 500 Iraqis already admitted as refugees have been implicated in the alleged fraud and could be deported or stripped of their US citizenship. It said there was "no indication to date that any of these 500+ individuals have ties to terrorism."

SOURCE: 18 June 2021, Reuters

(U) Florida – One Dead Following Vehicle Incident at Pride Parade, Driver in Custody

(U) Wilton Manors – One person has died and another has been taken to the hospital after they were run over by a truck in Fort Lauderdale at the beginning of Wilton Manors' Stonewall Pride Parade on Saturday night, according to the Mayor of Fort Lauderdale. The mayor said police have apprehended the driver responsible for the crash at the festival. The truck apparently narrowly missed striking a member of the US Congress who was in attendance.

SOURCE: 19 June 2021, WSVN

(U) Rhode Island - Three Indicted in Drug Plot that Included Mail Carrier Abduction

(U) Providence – Three men authorities say participated in a plot in which drugs were sent through the US Postal Service from Puerto Rico to Rhode Island—and which included the alleged kidnapping of a mail carrier—have been indicted, federal prosecutors said Friday. On 1 June, a postal service employee was abducted in Pawtucket and driven by two masked men to his home where he was asked to supply the contents of an empty package the kidnappers said the mail carrier delivered to a city home in late May. When the abductors learned the postal employee did not have a key to enter his locked home, he was returned unharmed to his postal truck. The subjects were indicted by a grand jury on cocaine possession charges.

SOURCE: 18 June 2021, AP

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(U) Australia – Australian Authorities Arrest Suspect for Allegedly Joining ISIS

(U) Sydney – A Sydney man who posted extremist rhetoric and possessed recipes for explosives has been arrested in New South Wales (NSW) for allegedly being a member of the Islamic State (ISIS) group, Australian police said on Saturday. The man has been charged with membership of a terrorist organization, namely Islamic State, after an investigation. The NSW Joint Counter Terrorism Team

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investigated the man for seven months. "The man's rhetoric online was escalating ... he had collected a large amount of extremist material and he was in possession of several improvised explosive recipes," the police added.

SOURCE: 18 June 2021, Reuters

(U) Mexico – Mexican Agents Arrest Suspected CJNG Cell Leader

(U) Queretaro State – The leader of a cell of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG) was detained Thursday by agents of the Morelos Prosecutor's Office in the Colinas de la Piedad neighborhood in the state of Queretaro, media reported Saturday. The man is the fourth and last to be involved in a case of aggravated extortion against ranchers in the municipality of Cuautla. He is suspected of planning to take command of the CJNG in the eastern part of the state.

SOURCE: 20 June 2021, Expreso

(U) Myanmar – Explosion Kills Two Near Political Party Office

(U) Yangon – A Myanmar military truck exploded in one of two blasts near an office of an army-backed political party on Friday, local media reported, and a senior rescue official said two people were killed and six wounded. The truck was parked outside the Union Solidarity and Development Party's (USDP) office. The USDP is widely seen as the military's political proxy. There were two explosions in the same area within a few minutes of each other, the first killing a soldier and the second killing a passenger in a taxi. Five members of the security forces and the taxi driver were wounded.

SOURCE: 18 June 2021, Reuters

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